

All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

April 19, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ Order of Worship

~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive
toward the embodiment of God's presence,
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*



Chiming of the Hour - *In silence let us prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord*

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Vom Himmel Hoch, da komm ich her

Fredrich W. Zachau

Choral Call to Worship

The Strife is O'er

Melchior Vulpius

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won, The song of triumph has begun Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(Text: Latin 1695, tr. Francis Pott)

*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord

People: Blessed are those who keep God's testimonies, who seek God with their whole heart.

Leader: Who also do no wrong

People: But walk in God's ways

*Opening Hymn

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen. Amen.*

***First Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1:14-20

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Choral Anthem

Eden's Song

O Waly Waly, Arr. Mark Schweizer

A memory of Eden stirs and walks within the warmth of spring;
It whispers every hope God has to Life Eternal, listening.
Stretch past the gloom of winter's grey, unfurl by faith and not by sight;
To touch the light of lengthening day that calls thee forth to green delight.
The season of new growth begins, embrace the promise we all share;
Lift every voice and celebrate, the living God, who's always there.

(Text: Beverly Easterling)

***Doxology** *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***A Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

Go Make of All Disciples

UMH 571

***Second Gospel Lesson**

Mark 16:14-20

Sermon

Follow Me

Luke Peart

***Closing Hymn**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

UMH 378

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Send Us Now Into Your World

J. McConnaughey

Send us now into your world in peace, O Lord; may we love and serve the living God.

Postlude *(be seated)*

The New Commonwealth

R. Vaughan Williams

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

Given by the Peart family in celebration of God's many blessings

CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Sue Minner, Sally Sisterhen

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Ernie Boyd, Joe Brackett, Kim Braddock, Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Paul Daugherty, Michelle Decoe, Diana, Woody Draper, Allison Engle Porter, Linda Finney, Phyllis Follrod, Tylor Freeman, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, Hope Hecht, Dee Heilman, Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Dan Jones, Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller, Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, Pauline Persing, Richard Peterson, Julianne Phillips, Alicia Pullin, Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli, Howard & Lillie Reynolds, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Laura Schoeller, Miles Schrock, Jill Wyatt Setty, Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance, Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert, Gordon Wyllie, Avalene Wyllie, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley
Caiden Craig—Private First Class ~ Garrett Weldon, Officer's Training School
All troops deployed for the war on Iran

Please pray for the family and friends of those who have given their lives for our nation.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

69th Semi-Annual Spring Dinner

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026—4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Baked Steak or Pork Tenderloin and all the trimmings

DRIVE-THRU ONLY

****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****

Please support your church by volunteering, attending or making a monetary contribution to the expenses of the dinner.

Thank you so much!

*Welcome back home, Jan Betz! Thank you for being with us at the organ.
Thank you also to Kevin Lohr for directing the Sanctuary Choir this morning while
Jeff McConnaughey is on vacation.*

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

Attendance—133 * ~ Offering—\$2,386.12

Monthly Need—\$24,800.00



End Times and Hope - Saturday, April 25, 8am, Coffee and Muffins Provided

The topic of the end times often stirs curiosity and concern among believers. The Bible offers hope amid uncertainty, reminding us of God's ultimate plan for humanity. Discussing the end times encourages exploration of prophetic scriptures and what they mean for our lives today. This topic can lead to uplifting conversations about the promise of Christ's return, the restoration of creation, and the hope we have as followers of Christ. It also emphasizes the importance of living in readiness and sharing that hope with others.

Night to Shine
TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

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- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Father's Day
- Summer festivities
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